



## LE PIN 2016 POMEROL

### OVERVIEW

Château Le Pin, managed by Jacques Thienpont since 1979, is a 2 hectare micro-vineyard in the heart of the Pomerol appellation, nestled between the magnificent terroirs of Trotanoy and Petrus. However, it is one of the estates whose renown is inversely proportional to the size of their vineyard. Indeed, Jacques Thienpont, considered by some as one of the pioneers of these so-called "garage wines", wines so confidential that all it would take is a garage to make them, has created here a "great" Pomerol, rich, deep, aromatic, modern and voluptuous. It never produces more than 5,000 bottles each year. Bottles that collectors, wine connoisseurs and aesthetes of wine are tearing off for thousands of euros. Recently, Jacques Thienpont enlarged his estate to 2.7 hectares and had his installations renovated by Paul Robbrecht to continue to produce his magical cuvées. The wines of Château Le Pin today enjoy a solid reputation, further strengthened by the rarity of the bottles.

### VINEYARD

**Soil:** Sand, clay and gravel with iron traces

**Surface:** 2 hectares

**Average age of the vineyard:** 35 years

**Grape varieties:** 100% Merlot

### MAKING PROCESS

Hand-picked grapes. Meticulous vinification in stainless steel vats. Aged for 18 months in new barrels.

### TASTING NOTE

"I am spellbound by the aromas of crushed blackberries, licorice, black tea and violets. It's full-bodied yet so intense and linear. Powerful tannins with superb polish and focus give an amazing texture. Complex and fascinating flavors of hazelnuts and dark fruit. The balance and strength is uncanny. Perfect wine. Very direct and superb. Try after 2025." - James Suckling 100 pts - Déc 2019.

### MATCHING FOOD

Serve at 17-18°C with games and gravy, spit-roasted lamb or grilled on vine shoots beef thick fillet, along with pan-fried boletus mushrooms and potatoes. This wine will be the perfect partner for Pata Negra ham or cheeses.

### AGEING POTENTIAL

More than 15 years

### AWARDS

Wine Spectator: 97-MAR 2019 | Decanter: 98-AVR 2017 | Jean-marc  
Quarin: 18,5-MAR 17 | James Suckling: 100-DEC 2019 | Wine Advocate:  
98+/NOV 2018 | Neal Martin / Vinous: 98-AUG 2020



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